

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

DEC 15 2003

Procter & Gamble – I.P. Division**IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

The documents accompanying this telecopy transmission contain confidential information belonging to the sender which is legally protected. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named below. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this telecopied information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone (collect) to arrange for return of the telecopied document to us.

**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET AND
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8****OFFICIAL****TO: Saleha R. Mohamedulla - United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Fax No. 703-872-9306

Phone No.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 2003, to the above-identified facsimile number.

Bridget Brinkman (signature)

FROM: Bridget Brinkman (Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate)

Fax No. 513-634-3612

Phone No. 513-634-3400

Listed below are the item(s) being submitted with this Certificate of Transmission:**

Number of Pages Including this Page: 8

- 1) Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- 2) Amendment (8 pages)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Inventor(s): Michael Douglas Hill et al.

S.N.: 09/695,155

Filed: October 24, 2000

Case: 8284

Comments:

****Note:** Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, OR this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

PTO/SB/30 (08-03)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number


+

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/695,155
	Filing Date	October 24, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Michael Douglas Hill
	Group Art Unit	1756
	Examiner Name	Saleha R. Mohamedulla
	Attorney Docket Number	8284
	Confirmation Number	3316

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.


1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **16-2480**.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME (Print/Type)	David M. Weirich	Reg. No. (Attorney) 38,361
SIGNATURE		DATE 12/15/03

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

NAME (Print/Type)	Bridget Brinkman
SIGNATURE	
DATE	12/15/03

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. Send Fees and Completed forms to the following address: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

(Revised for P&G use 8/28/2003)